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A Windy Day

O shameless day! a daring stress,
A sweet but insufficient dress
Of windy hair in billows piled—
Lock to bright lock unreconciled—
Is round your virgin nakedness,
O shameless day!

We might expect, you must confess,
Some rosy blushes, soft distress—
Your clear regard is like a child,
O shameless day!

Your self-possession in the press
Of sunbeams struggling with success
To kiss you by blue eyes beguiled—
Your eyes so innocently wild!—
Is like some maiden sorceress,
O shameless day!

Summer of 1904.

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